

## CIVIC ART

The FY2008-2013 CIP includes the City of Houston Civic Art Program. The program was established in December 1999, when City Council adopted an ordinance that mandates the inclusion of civic art in selected capital improvement projects. Each year, the civic art component of the CIP will include the design, acquisition and/or construction of new civic art that is part of the City's collection.

The primary objective of the program is to enhance the environment through the inclusion of artist-designed features in new municipal facilities, contributing to a sense of community pride. The Civic Art Program supports the City's commitment to neighborhood enhancement and improving overall quality of life. As projects are completed they will add to Houston's image as a vibrant and culturally rich metropolis, both nationally and internationally.

### **Ordinance Summary**

In FY2001, 1.75% of design and construction appropriations of selected CIP projects were appropriated for civic art. FY2002 was the first

year of full implementation of the program.

While every eligible CIP project will include a civic art allocation, not every eligible CIP project will actually have an onsite civic art component. A department may elect to pool civic art funds from several smaller projects together to enhance a facility with significant public access, or use funds to restore an existing piece of art. However, amounts appropriated for the Civic Art Program for distinct portions of the CIP will be kept separate and will be spent only for civic art purpose of the funding.

Not all CIP projects are eligible under the ordinance. In general, the civic art allocation will not be applied against the following types of projects or expenses: paving projects, street resurfacing, runways and ramps, parking lots, signal and traffic control projects, underground projects (i.e.: water lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers), land acquisition, equipment purchases, and projects with budgets under \$500,000.

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The civic art allocation may be used to cover new art project costs, such as design, acquisition, installation, and conservation project costs for works of art in the City Collection.

This is the first year the Civic Art Section has been developed to implement a multiple year plan. This section, while similar to the others, is different in its approach. Civic Art balances are funded with previously appropriated funding from projects dating back to 1999. These fund balances are projected forward by assumptions made in the CIP. Balances are then adjusted by projections of anticipated costs of artist searches and art budgets for particular sites.

For the FY08-FY13 CIP we were able to accomplish a plan for FY08. As our relationship with Houston Arts Alliance grows, we anticipate growing our plan in conjunction with the full six year CIP.